Export of Unani Medicines

1283. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: what is the value of Unani Medicines exported to foreign countries during the period 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): The value of Ayurvedic & Unani Medicines exported from India during the period 1992-93 is Rs. 40.28 crores. Export figures of Unani medicines are not maintained separately.

(Source: CHEMEXCIL, Bombay).

Export of Cigarettes

1284. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of cigarettes has increased during the last three years; if so, the details; and

(b) whether Government propose to provide tax relief to this industry and if so, to what extent; and if not, what steps Government propose to take to boost its export ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Details of the cigarette exports during the last three years are given below:

Year	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1990-91	4482	36.59
1991-92	1753	16.11
1992-93	2644	39.72

(b) In view of the ensuing budget, it is not possible to indicates the views of the Government on tax relief. The steps taken to boost exports include.

— Sending trade delegations to identified markets of FCV tobacco and products.

— Participation in international exhibitions.

— Aggressive publicity in overseas markets.

— Pursuing with Governments through Joint committee meeting etc. to import Indian tobacco products.

— Promoting export oriented units for export of cigarettes and cut tobacco.

— Permitting foreign investment in cigarette industry mainly for export of cigarettes and value added products.

— Permitting cigarette manufacturers to import various items wth a view to enable them to undertake product development.

— Undertaking packaging development for products like bidis, hookah tobacco paste with the help of Indian Institute of Packaging.

Frequent Changes and Amendment in Import-Export Policy

1285. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that frequent changes and amendments in the Export-Import Policy have made exporters a confused lot;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the last 15 months, nearly 150 public notices and six notifications have been issued for amendments to policies;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that an announcement was made in April, 1993 that 100 percent EOU—scheme would be extended—